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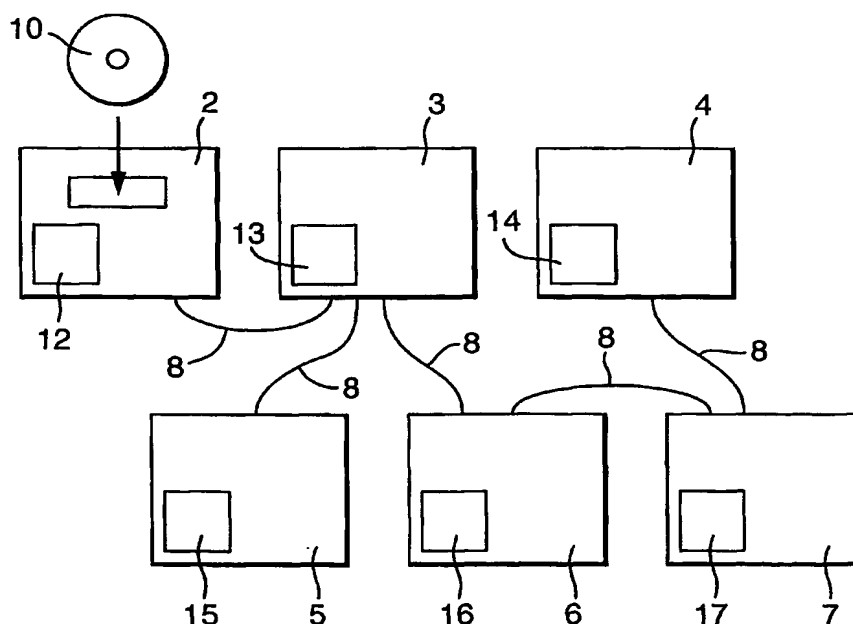
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(57) Abstract: Upgrading of devices in a network, such as an IEEE (1394) network, of digitally connected devices, such as AV devices, is performed using a reproduction device for reproducing a recording medium insertable in the reproduction device. A controller for controlling the reproduction device is arranged, on insertion in the reproduction device of a recording medium, to detect if the inserted recording medium has recorded thereon upgrade software for upgrading a target device in the network. If so, the controller causes the target device to be upgraded by the upgrade software.



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